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1. IN REFLECTING UPON MY CONVERSATION WITH PRESIDENT PARK YESTERDAY ON EM.9, MY KEY IMPRESSIONS ARE PARK'S DEEP-SEATED CONVICTION THAT HIS INTERNAL POLICIES REPRESENT THE RIGHT COURSE FOR ROK UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, AND HIS DETERMINATION FOR PRESENT NOT TO WAIVER FROM THESE POLICIES. WHILE PARK IS AWARE OF, AND DOES NOT TOTALLY DISREGARD, THE IMPACT OF HIS INTERNAL POLICIES ON AMERICAN OPINION, IN HIS ORDER OF PRIORITIES HIS ASSESSMENT OF REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERNAL ORDER MUST COME FIRST.

2. NEVERTHELESS, OUR APPROACH TO PARK WAS WORTHWHILE IN GIVING AN AUTHORITATIVE STAMP TO WARNINGS REGARDING AMERICAN OPINION WHICH HE HAS HEARD FROM OTHER SOURCES. FURTHERMORE, PARK'S DECISIONS ON INCREMENTAL APPLICATION OF EM.9 AND OTHER RESTRICTIVE ACTIONS COULD BE INFLUENCED BY OUR APPROACH. IN ADDITION, WHILE PARK TOOK UNCOMPROMISING STAND ON CONTINUATION OF EM.9 FOR PRESENT, ITS LATER WITHDRAWAL COULD POSSIBLY BE EXPEDITED BY OUR APPROACH.

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